

## FOI 23/996 - Approval of vorapaxar

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To [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email dated 18 December 2023 where you requested confirmation of when Vorapaxar, for use in treating eczema, will be approved in the UK?

Our response:

I can confirm there are currently no Marketing Authorisations approved by the MHRA for Vorapaxar for use in the UK.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide information on whether there may or may not be an application for any particular product. This means that for your enquiry about Vorapaxar, we need to refuse to confirm or deny whether we hold this information under Section 41 (S41 – information provided in confidence) and Section 43 (S43 – commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Section 41 is an absolute exemption and no consideration of the public interest is required, except to state that we would consider the release of this information to be an actionable breach of confidence. Section 43 is a conditional exemption and requires a consideration of the public interest. We have considered the public interest and cannot see any public interest argument that outweighs the commercial harm in publishing this information, which would alert competitors to whether a competitor is close to obtaining a marketing authorisation or not.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date you receive this response and addressed to: [info@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:info@mhra.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 10:31 AM

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Subject: Approval of vorapaxar

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Hi can you confirm when the above drug for use in treating eczema will be approved in the uk?

Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone

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